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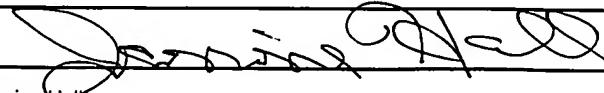
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2005, wherein a restriction requirement was issued by the Office. Applicants hereby elect group A (claims 1-23), drawn to a process for evaluating a material specimen by bombarding with a neutron source (e.g., see claims 1-23, and the embodiment shown in either Figs. 1 or 7). Applicants also elect Species C wherein collection of positron annihilation data is performed while the material specimen is in service (claims 1-10, 12-19, 21-23 readable thereon), for examination without traverse.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any issues outstanding, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants attorney by telephone to resolve any such issues in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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